

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 8, 2000, with claims 1-42, as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/549,356 filed April 14, 2000, which claims priority to one or more provisional applications filed June 2, 1999. Claims 1-42 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendments. Claims 1, 21, 31, 36 and 41 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15-17, 36, 37, 39 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,828,769 to Burns (hereinafter "Burns").

Claims 9, 10, 14, 18, 31-35 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burns in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,440,401 to Parulski et al. (hereinafter "Parulski").

Claims 19 and 20 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 21-30, 41 and 42 are allowed.

In this response, Applicants traverse the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections, cancel claims 2, 17 and 19, and amend claims 1, 20, 31 and 36. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks below.

Applicants respectfully traverse the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections on the grounds set forth in their previous response. For the reasons stated therein, it is believed that Burns fails to teach or suggest customization of the imaging device in the computer system 100 of FIG. 1, that is, customization of video camera 126.

Notwithstanding the traversal, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 31 and 36 to include the limitations of dependent claim 19, now canceled. Claims 2 and 17 have also been canceled, and claim 20 has been amended, in order to maintain consistency in the amended claim set. As noted above, dependent claim 19 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, claims 1, 31 and 36, and any claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance. In view of the traversal, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are made not for purposes of patentability over

Burns and Parulski, but are instead made solely in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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